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Luke 18:9-14

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- Righteousness: THE big Old Testament theme
 - a special RELATIONSHIP of gracious merciful acceptance
 - all about the merciful, saving, forgiving God
 - something to which we respond (Micah 6:8)
- Going to the Temple to pray
 - the daily service of atonement (*see Luke 1 for an example*)
- The Pharisee
 - standing by himself
 - praying out loud
 - building a fence(s) around the law
 - HOW did he get this way?
- The Tax Collector
 - his junk
 - "Have mercy on me" MERCY = ATONEMENT (*hilaskomai*)
- How it all worked out
 - for the tax collector
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 - Prodigal Son (Jacob in Gen 27:1-36:8)
 - Two builders (Lk 6:46-49 cf Isaiah 28:14-18)
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